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REMARKS

Claim 21 is presently under examination. As discussed with the Examiner telephonically on August 6, 2003, and again on August 7, 2003, new claim 35 has been added herein. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the useful discussion and courtesy extended during the above-mentioned telephone calls.

New claim 35 is directed to a method for treating a pathology characterized by an accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue, comprising contacting said tissue with a TGF-beta suppressing agent which suppresses the extracellular matrix producing activity of TGF-beta, wherein said pathology is adult respiratory distress syndrome and wherein said agent is an TGF-beta antibody. The amendment is supported, for example, by claim 5 as originally filed. Accordingly, entry of the amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.196(b)(1) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

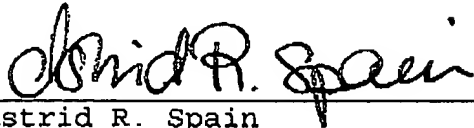
Applicants submit that claims 21 and 35 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this

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effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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